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hakone-chan and
the box of secrets
WOW...

This place is pretty grand, isn't it!
IT'S 'CAUSE HARUNA-NEE'S HOME IS ONE OF THE FEW HOT-SPRING INNS ON THIS STREET WITH A LONG HISTORY

AN INN THAT PROVIDES HOT-SPRINGS... IN OTHERS WORDS, THIS INN ONLY EXISTS THANKS TO ME...
WHICH MEANS THAT THIS PLACE IS ACTUALLY MY PALACE!
Whew...
THAT CAN'T BE! THAT SOUNDS WRONG, DOESN'T IT?!

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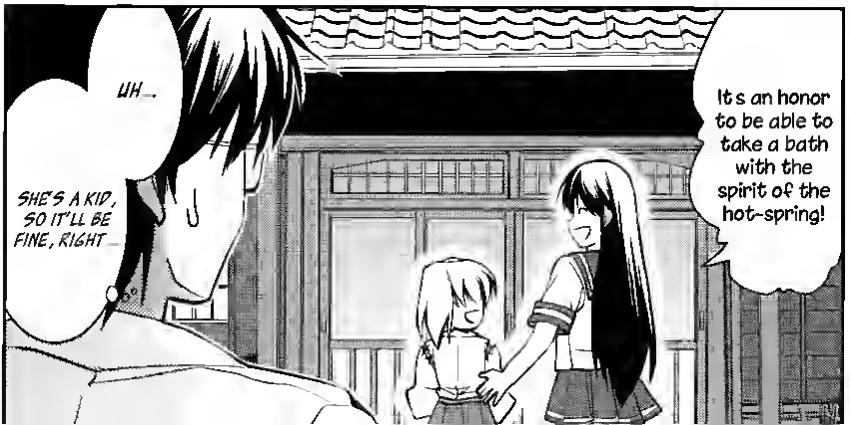
BUT, JUST NOW... WHAT EXACTLY WAS THAT? COULD IT BE THAT SHE REALLY IS...
...NO, IT'S GOTTA BE A WATER GUN, OR SOME OTHER KIND OF TOY

Anyways, where are the manjuu?
NOT HERE!
MY HOME IS THE ONE THAT MAKES MANJUU!
OH MY

I wanna take a bath!
Oh my, let's take a bath together then!

EH?
I HAVE MANJUU AT MY PLACE, TOO
TOUYA, YOU'RE COMPLETELY SOAKED, HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE A BATH AT MY PLACE?
N-NO NEED, JUST LEND ME A TOWEL AND I'LL BE FINE!


It's an honor to be able to take a bath with the spirit of the hot-spring!
UH...
SHE'S A KID, SO IT'LL BE FINE, RIGHT...

HM-HMM...
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WHY ARE THEY SO BIG?
I... IT'S BECAUSE...
HUH?!
YOUR BOOBS ARE HUGE, HARUNA

YOU REALLY LIKE HOT-SPRINGS THAT MUCH, HARUNA?
I'VE BEEN TAKING BATHS IN THIS HOT-SPRING SINCE I WAS SMALL
SO MAYBE IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, HAKONE-CHAN!

SO EMBAR-ASSING...
I THINK HOT-SPRINGS ARE REALLY GREAT
I LOVE THEM!
I EVEN THINK THAT IF THE WHOLE WORLD WERE TO USE HOT-SPRINGS, WE'D ALL BE HAPPY
SPLOSH

Have you forgotten? I'm a hot-spring spirit, you know!
EH?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'LL SPECIALLY LET YOU EXPERIENCE A HOT-SPRING OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY!
I'M LETTING THE HOT-SPRING WATER OUT NOW!
WOAH...
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FWOOSH
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GLEAM
Ah, it's nothing! I'm really happy, thanks!
WHAT? YOU'VE GOT A WEIRD LOOK ON YOUR FACE
FWOOSH...

A-Amazing, this spring water...!
IT'S GLOWING! AND...
JUST TOUCHING IT A LITTLE MAKES MY SKIN FEEL SO SMOOTH...!
You're amazing, Hakone-chan!
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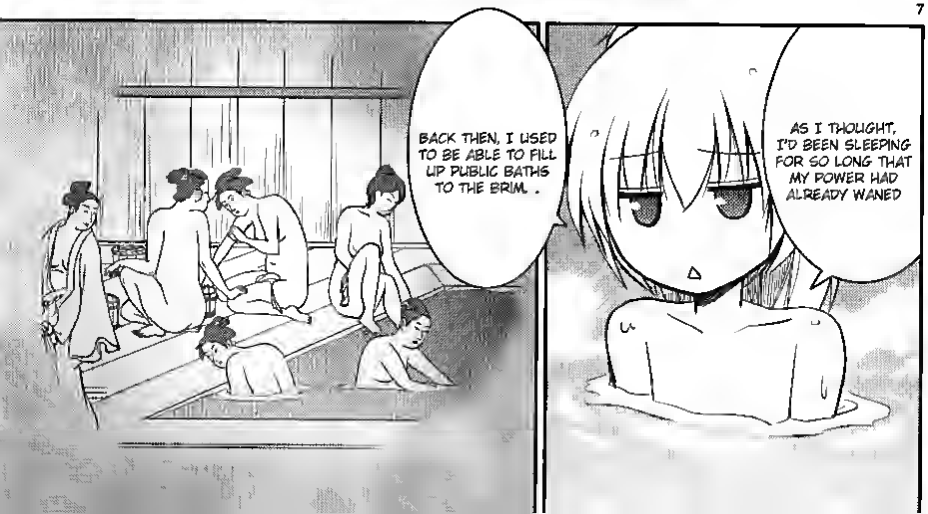
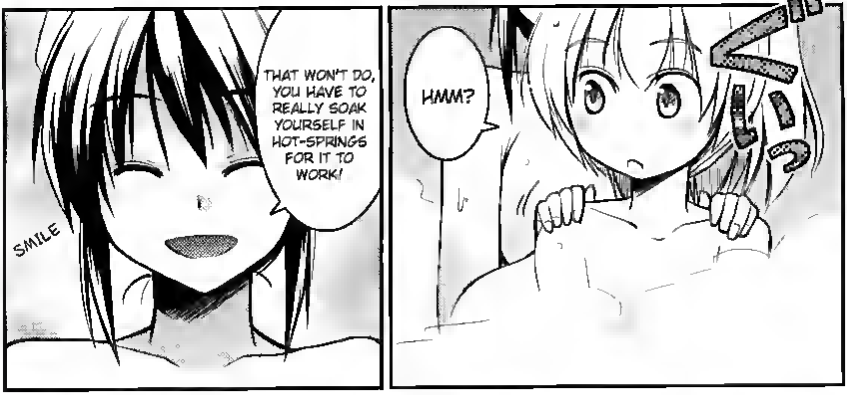
SHIVER

I'M AT MY LIMIT... IT'S WEIRD... IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS...
I-It's okay, don't force yourself!


AS I THOUGHT, I'D BEEN SLEEPING FOR SO LONG THAT MY POWER HAD ALREADY WANED
BACK THEN, I USED TO BE ABLE TO FILL UP PUBLIC BATHS TO THE BRIM...

NO! I CAN'T POSSIBLY GIVE UP NOW!
I WILL RETRIEVE MY POWERS AND RETURN TO MY OLD, POWERFUL SELF!


THAT WON'T DO, YOU HAVE TO REALLY SOAK YOURSELF IN HOT-SPRINGS FOR IT TO WORK!
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MAN-JUU!
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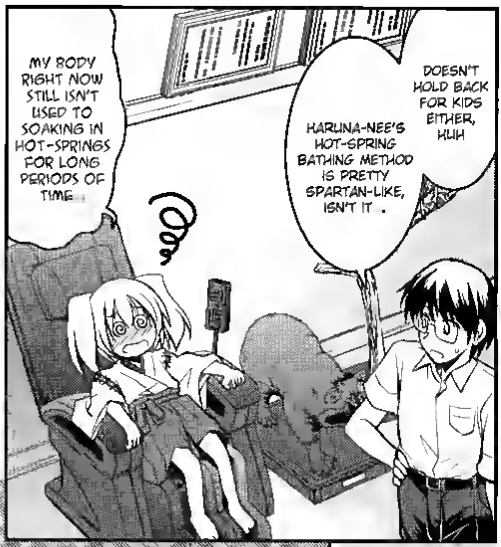
SNAP
HERE, YOUR LONG-AWAITED MANJUU ♪


MY BODY RIGHT NOW STILL ISN'T USED TO SOAKING IN HOT-SPRINGS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME...
HARUNA-NEE'S HOT-SPRING BATHING METHOD IS PRETTY SPARTAN-LIKE, ISN'T IT.
DOESN'T HOLD BACK FOR KIDS EITHER, HUH

SPARKLE
SPARKLE
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SO MANY?!
ARE YOU A GOD?!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN ANYONE SO AWED BY A BOX OF MANJUU...

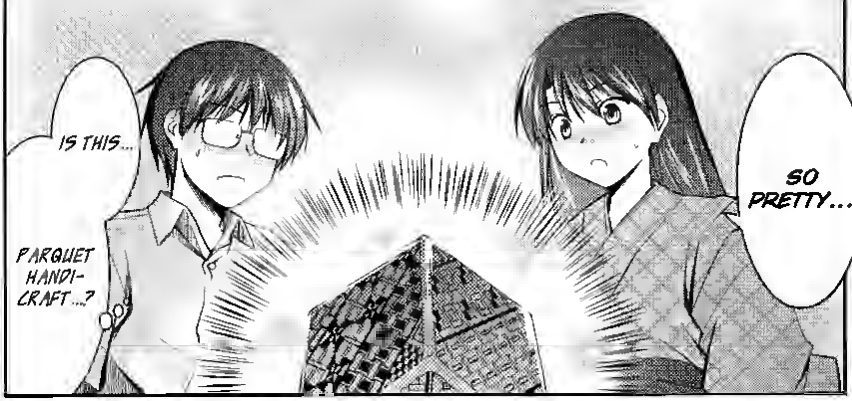
A THOU-SAND?!
GULP...
WELL, WE'RE NOT, BUT WE DO PRODUCE THEM...
JUST LIKE A DIVINE CREATOR...
MY FAMILY MAKES UP TO A THOUSAND EVERY DAY
IF YOU'D COME TO MY HOUSE FIRST, YOU WOULDN'T JUST HAVE HAD THAT LITTLE BIT

EVEN HAKUNA-NEE, THE HOT-SPRING GEEK, WAS WON OVER...
IT WAS SO COMFORTABLE, AND SO SMOOTH...
THE TEMPERATURE WAS JUST RIGHT, AND THE WATER FELT GREAT...
EH?!
Seriously?
OH RIGHT, HAKONE-CHAN PROVIDED A REALLY NICE HOT-SPRING FOR ME!

ARE YOU ACTUALLY A HOT-SPRING SPIRIT?
WHAT, YOU STILL DON'T BELIEVE ME?

Then I'll let you have a taster of my awesome power!
RUMMAGE
BEHOLD!

NOW, WATCH...!


IS THIS...
PARQUET HANDI-CRAFT...?
SO PRETTY...

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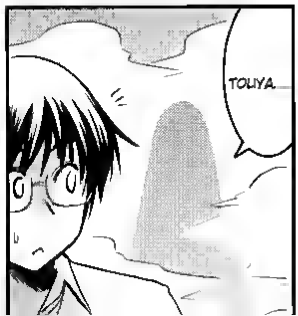
TOUYA...

STEAM ...?!
W-WHAT'S THIS?

I LOVE YOU...!
EH?!

THIS IS HOT-SPRING STEAM SATURATED WITH MY "WATER OF UNION"!
Ahem!
SURELY NOW YOU KNOW HOW AWESOME I AM!!
UGH...!!

HUH?
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SNAP

D-DAMN IT, JUST WHAT WAS I...?!
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BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP

IF YOU CAN RECOVER YOUR POWERS, THAT THING ALSO KEEPS ON WORKING, RIGHT?!
PRETTY MUCH...
OKAY, I BELIEVE YOU'RE A HOT-SPRING SPIRIT!!
FINALLY RECOGNIZING MY POWER, AREN'T YOU!
AS EXPECTED, ITS EFFICACY HAS BEEN REDUCED... I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE MY POWERS HAVE WANED...
THE EFFECT USED TO LAST FOREVER

ERR..
HOW EXACTLY DO WE GET YOUR POWERS BACK?!

AND THUS HAKONE DESCENDED UPON THE LOCAL HOT-SPRING STREET
O!?!
THAT'S TRUE... HOW DO WE DO THAT?
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Hakone's Onsen Lecture

Parquetry

Hakone's traditional handicraft involves using a technique called "wood mosaic" to create beautiful wooden patterns on small accessories.

Without proper knowledge of usage, it becomes referred to as "the unopenable secret box".

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